

REMARKS

Claims 22-42 are all the claims pending in the application, with claims 22, 31, and 36 being the only independent claims.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that the Office Action did not indicate whether or not the originally filed drawings have been accepted. Applicant respectfully requests such an indication on the next communication from the USPTO on this application.

Applicant notes with appreciation that the IDS papers have been signed and acknowledged by the Examiner.

The Office Action indicates that the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, as well as to the previously filed U.S. application 10/306,961, now U.S. patent 6,870,479, should be disclosed in the first paragraph of the specification. Applicant submits that the required claims for priority have been provided in the substitute specification which was filed with the originally filed papers in this application. The present specification therefore reflects the requested priority of the present application.

Claims 22-41 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting over claims 1-37 of U.S. patent 6,870,479. In response to this rejection, Applicant submit herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321(c), and the required \$65 fee as set forth in 37 CFR §1.20(d). Accordingly, Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Lastly, Applicant acknowledges the other references made of record and not relied upon. However, there is nothing of sufficient relevance to require detailed discussion.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks, Applicant submits that the present Response places all claims of the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

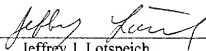
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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